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THE HISTORY AND SOCIOLOGY OF GENOCIDE

If we could learn to look instead of gawking,
We'd see the horror in the heart of farce,
If only we could act instead of talking,
We wouldn't always end up on our arse.
This was the thing that nearly had us mastered;
Don't yet rejoice in his defeat, you men!
Although the world stood up and stopped the bastard,
The bitch that bore him is in heat again.

Epilogue to "The resistible rise of
Arturo Ui." by Bertold Brecht

While the subject matter of this course does lend itself to absorbed gawking, its object is to learn to look as well as to learn from looking.

The attached course outline indicates the cases that we shall deal with and their approximate sequence; this will help you in doing the readings at the appropriate times. Many of the readings will be included in the GENOCIDE READER which will be available for sale later this month.

The grades for this course will be based on assignments, one research paper, take home exams, and class participation and attendance. Details will be provided in class and in future NEWSLETTERS.

Please save this and all future NEWSLETTERS because you will need to refer to them from time to time.

Here are some deadlines that we feel strongly about. By looking at them now, you will be able to organize your work over the next few weeks:

October 10th: Hand in a brief proposal (1-2 pages) on the particular case of genocide that you have selected for your research paper.

October 24th: Hand in a revised proposal for your research project - revised on the basis of our comments and discussions in class and in our offices. This should include a preliminary bibliography.

TEXTS: (available in the bookstore in the Hall Building)

Leo Kuper, GENOCIDE. Penguin Books, 1981, Pb.

Irving Louis Horowitz, TAKING LIVES. Transaction Books, 1980.

Christina Larner, ENEMIES OF GOD. Chatto & Windus, 1981. Pb.

(available only in the library)

Norman Cohn, EUROPE'S INNER DEMONS. New American Library, 1977.

USEFUL TOOLS:

Colin McEvedy and Richard Jones, ATLAS OF WORLD POPULATION HISTORY. Penguin Books, 1978.

Hermann Kinder and Werner Hilgemann, THE PENGUIN ATLAS OF WORLD HISTORY. Penguin Books, 1974. 2 vols.

COURSE OUTLINE

1984 -- First Term

- 5. Sept. Introduction; Definitions; UN Convention
- 12. Sept. Typologies
- 19. Sept. The Research Paper; Library; Take-Home Exam.
The Ancient Near East
- 26. Sept. Holiday - No Class
- 3. Oct. Greece. Rome and Carthage
- 10. Oct. The Mongols
- 17. Oct. The Zulus. The Puritans and the Pequots
- 24. Oct. The Tasmanians. The Hereros.
- 31. Oct. The Albigensian Crusade. The Spanish Inquisition
- 7. Nov. The Witch-Hunts
- 14. Nov. The Christians in Tokugawa Japan
- 21. Nov.
- 28. Nov.

1985 -- Second Term

- 9. Jan. Armenia
- 16. Jan. "
- 23. Jan. Russia
- 30. Jan. "
- 6. Febr. Germany
- 13. Febr. "
- 20. Febr. No Class
- 27. Febr. Cambodia. Indonesia
- 6. March South America
- 13. March Africa
- 20. March Prediction and Prevention
- 27. March " "
- 3. Apr.
- 11. Apr.

The blank dates are reserved for guest speakers during each term. Their visits remain to be confirmed.

This outline is intended as a guide and to help you in timing your readings. Further details will be announced in class and in future NEWSLETTERS.